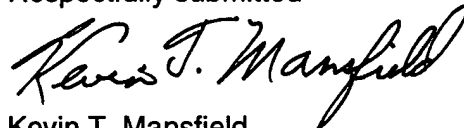


Remarks

Upon entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment, claims 16-30 are pending. Claims 1-15 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 16-30. The original "use" claims have been rewritten using US process claim format. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants aver that the instant claims are now in better condition for examination on the merits. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited. If minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted



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